

***MINUTES OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
APRIL 28, 2004***

Members Present: Matthew Smith, Chairman; Laurence Mason, Vice-Chairman, Harry F. Atherton, Garrett Moore, William D. Nace, Gary Nelson, Holder Trumbo and Liz Cook

Members Absent: J. David Cubbage, William G. Downey and Sam Poles

Guests Present: Jerry Longerbeam

Staff Present: Virginia Bowen

1. Approval of March 31, 2004 Committee Meeting Minutes.

Matthew Smith mentioned the March 31, 2004 minutes will be looked at the May 26th meeting.

- 2.** Matthew Smith introduced Jerry Longerbeam, a Midland resident who would like to speak at the meeting. Jerry Longerbeam advised the Committee that he had met with Garrett Moore and Matthew Smith about a month ago at the intersection of Route 28 and Midland Road (Route 610). He stated that when VDOT straightened out what they call Deadman's Curve, VDOT had to make a new entrance at that location. Since then there have been complaints about being able to get in and out, especially for larger trucks.

Jerry Longerbeam advised that his main concern is a safety issue. He explained past issues related to traffic congestion and entering and exiting along Route 28 at this location. Mr. Longerbeam suggested that he and several of the other neighbors could help with labor and supplies to help reduce the costs of fixing the entrance. He stated that there was no traffic control or anything needed because all the work would be behind guardrails, all out of traffic. It would be an inconvenience and VDOT might want to sign it or something. If VDOT would have to fund everything, Garrett Moore advised that it would have to be either the 6-Year Plan or some funding. He suggested that for a minimum amount of money we can get some compaction equipment in there.

Matthew Smith said there were two issues that he was speaking about, the one that we cannot do anything about anytime in the future and that is when the cars are heading toward Bealeton on Route 28 and there are no left hand turn lanes, so the cars basically have to stop if there is someone turning left. A lot of times impatient drivers drive around and that it is too expensive to put a left hand turn lane in. There was discussion about the cost and timing of a smaller scale public/private partnership.

Matthew Smith will keep Jerry Longerbeam posted and he will let us know when he talks with Jean Hinegardner, one of the neighbors.

3. *Consider a Request to add Wheatley Estates Private Streets Into the Secondary System of Highways – John Tyreman. (Item #2)*

Liz Cook advised the Committee of a phone request to add the Wheatley Estates private streets into the State System. There was discussion on the Supervisors moratorium for adding new rural additions. Also, there was discussion of other funding options including residents improving their own private streets to standards and the Revenue Sharing program. The Committee asked that Ms. Cook contact Mr. Tyreman to outline the options available to him, including the residents improving their streets and raising one-half of the needed funds so that the County could use those funds as a match with the Revenue Sharing program.

4. *Consider Making a Recommendation on the Virginia Department of Transportation Secondary Six-Year Plan – Garrett Moore. (Item #3)*

Garrett Moore advised that he met with Bill Downey on Friday and talked a little about Route 600 and Route 605. He stated that it will probably be a couple of months before the plan is ready for a Committee vote. Mr. Moore asked if there were any roads the Committee want to be considered, deleted or anything in their areas to give him a call. VDOT is trying not to push for hard surfacing roads unless people really want it. He advised that VDOT interprets the *Code of Virginia* to say the Board of Supervisors does not have to use these funds for unpaved roads.

Harry Atherton stated that he would like to see Dixon's Mill be put in the program or move it up. Mr. Moore asked, if meeting on site would be a good thing.

Mr. Atherton said he wants to ride with Garrett Moore to Dixon's Mill and get some idea of what VDOT is going to have to do to even do a pave place on a rural addition. Mr. Moore said there is some drainage work that needs to be done and some big trees on both sides removed.

Mr. Smith stated that we will continue to revisit the Six-Year Plan for the next couple of months until we are ready to make a vote on it and pass it on.

5. *Discuss Dixon's Mill Road (Route 732) – Garrett Moore. (Item #4)*

Most of Dixon's Mill Road was discussed with item #3. Mr. Atherton stated he wants to ride with Garrett Moore to talk with some of the people that live on Dixon's Mill Road. Some of the property owners can assure a 30 foot right-of-way, and they will need to find out what needs to be cut and what kind of easements and right-of-ways are needed. Mr. Atherton advised that it is likely it might end up like road Moss Hollow Road.

6. *Other Items. (Item #5)*

Garrett Moore received a letter from Morteza Salehi, the new District Administrator for the Culpeper District. He was the Assistant District Administrator for Maintenance and Operations in VDOT's Northern Virginia District. Mr. Salehi wants to meet the Board of

Supervisors informally at their convenience. Harry Atherton said to let him know when Mr. Salehi can meet with the Board of Supervisors and the best time to do it would be before a board meeting, work session or a regular meeting.

Harry Atherton mentioned the culvert complaint on Wilson Road. He stated that the culverts seem to be getting increasingly smaller.

Liz Cook wanted to know if anybody wanted to see the transportation plans for their service districts or any of the roads, and she can bring them in.

Garrett Moore mentioned that Route 661 is being put into place, and a final walk through inspection will be done on Carter's Run (Route 688) Friday, April 30th. He advised that Carter's Run was going to be pulled off the bidders list and was done three weeks early under contract value and not a single work order. Mr. Moore stated he thought it would be six months late, but the contract pulled it out and did a great job. VDOT will try and keep the speed down, but people were speeding anyway even when the project was ongoing.

Matthew Smith mentioned that a letter was sent to Rick Carr from Loudoun County in reference to the Western Transportation Corridor. Harry Atherton said the Board of Supervisors has responded to the letter and they send a copy of the resolution that the Board did not support the Western Transportation Corridor.

Matthew Smith and the Southern Fauquier Business Owners' Association had a meeting at Kelly's Ford Inn and Butch Davies who is the Commonwealth Transportation Representative in this district said the Interstate 81 proposal was going to be for cars and trucks which would put pressure on Route 29. William Nace said the reason is that VDOT has decided to go with widening two lanes each way for the entire lane rather than a little more reasonable plan with only one lane each way. This is the public/private transportation Star Plan. The original plan was to separate the trucks, VDOT was to narrow the field to the Star Solution but have not accepted the proposal yet. One of the things that was brought up at the meeting was when they put forth the proposal VDOT could no do any improvements to any alternate routes, such as Route 29.

7. Adjournment. (Item #6)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.